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Top Stories

- The European Parliament passed legislation today tightening its internet copyright laws, which will now include the addition of a "link tax" mandating that news aggregators, such as Google, have licenses to link to publishers and a requirement for platforms to filter out any copyrighted materials as they're uploaded. Google, Reddit and other internet companies have come out against the new rules, and critics have warned that the changes could chill freedom of speech online. (Business Insider)

- Ellen Lord, the Pentagon's under secretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment, said the Department of Defense is talking to Nokia Corp. and Ericsson Inc. about using their technologies in its 5G development in a move to further separate the United States from China's Huawei Technologies Co.

At the same time, the United States is also laying the groundwork to develop its own 5G technology. (Reuters)

- Amazon.com Inc. said it is partnering with the National Science Foundation to research how artificial intelligence software makes decisions and processes data as Amazon Web Services faces questions about the accuracy of its facial recognition software, which it reportedly sells to law enforcement agencies. Each organization is pledging up to $10 million over the next three years for the project. (The Information)

Chart Review

The fringe right's obsession with Andrew Yang
Axios

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

03/26/2019

Cyber Security for Critical Assets conference	
MIT Technology Review's EmTech Digital 2019	8:00 am
LeadershIP 2019 featuring DOJ Assistant Attorney General Makan Delrahim and USPTO Director Andrei Iancu	8:30 am
Free State Foundation's Telecom Policy Conference	8:30 am

FTC hearing on the agency's international work	9:00 am
Hudson Institute event on 5G technology	9:15 am
FCC Technological Advisory Council meeting	10:00 am
U.S. Senate Commerce hearing on small business perspectives and federal data privacy framework	2:30 pm
Panel discussion on artificial intelligence in media, entertainment and news-gathering	5:30 pm

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Cyber Security for Critical Assets conference	
SecureWorld Boston	
House Judiciary Committee hearing on the impact of the lack of diversity in patent inventor-ship on innovation economy	10:00 am
American Consumer Institute's 21st Century Internet Governance panel featuring Sen. Marsha Blackburn	12:00 pm
ITIF's panel discussion on the viability and consequences of company hackings	1:00 pm
House Appropriations Committee's hearing on NASA's 2020 fiscal year budget request	2:30 pm
The Washington Post's Technology 202 series event in San Francisco	4:00 pm

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SecureWorld Boston	
Women in Cybersecurity Conference	
Department of Commerce's Internet Policy Task Force conference	9:00 am

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Women in Cybersecurity Conference	

Brookings Institution's "Digital technology in the age of artificial intelligence: A comparative perspective" lecture	10:30 am

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WSJ Pro Artificial Intelligence Executive Forum	7:30 am
CHCI Graduate Fellows' 2019 Capitol Hill Policy Briefing Series including panels on election tech and future of work	9:00 am

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The State of the Democratic Primary

On a daily basis, Morning Consult is surveying over 5,000 registered voters across the United States on the 2020 presidential election. Each week, we'll update **this page** with the latest survey data, offering an in-depth guide to how the race for the Democratic nomination is shaping up.

General

Trump's victory in the Mueller probe could make him take a tougher stand in China talks
Jeff Cox, CNBC

President Donald Trump's resounding triumph in the Russia collusion investigation is set to reverberate into policy, with the most likely first impact the looming trade negotiations with China. With the release of a summary of Robert Mueller's report on his two-year investigation, a previously reeling Trump no longer looks as desperate for a policy win of any sort.

Indian tech sector calls for 'level playing field' in H1-B visas
Kiran Stacey and James Politi, Financial Times

Indian technology companies are urging the US to end what they say is discrimination when it comes to applying for highly sought-after H-1B visas. Nasscom, the Indian IT sector industry group, has said its members are finding it harder to hire Indian workers in the US than are their American rivals, giving an unfair advantage to companies such as Amazon, Microsoft and Apple.

Google funds creation of new local media companies
Sara Fischer, Axios

Google is launching the Local Experiments Project, an effort to fund dozens of new local news websites around the country and eventually around the world. The tech giant says it will have no editorial control over the sites, which will be built by partners it selects with local news expertise.

State by State, Gig Companies Maneuver to Shape Labor Rules
Noam Scheiber, The New York Times

It was a potentially sweeping proposal from a Texas regulator: Companies that use a "digital network" to dispatch workers the way Uber does could label them contractors rather than employees.

Senate Committee Says New Rules Will Ease Patients' Access to Electronic Medical Records
Fred Schulte and Erika Fry, Fortune

The chairman of the Senate health committee on Tuesday backed new federal regulations to remove roadblocks patients can face in obtaining copies of their electronic medical records.

As Amazon Leads Cashless Charge, States and Cities Push Back
Olga Kharif and Krista Gmelich, Bloomberg

Rebecca Esparza works with homeless people and, having once lived in a shelter herself, knows what it's like to navigate the U.S. economy if you don't have much money. For most of her clients, cash is king because they lack access to the financial tools many Americans take for granted-checking accounts, debit cards, payment apps.

What's next for the IT-heavy President's Management Agenda?
Billy Mitchell, FedScoop

The Trump administration's President's Management Agenda turned a year old Wednesday. While federal officials in charge of the plan spent the day championing its early successes, particularly those tied to IT modernization, they also emphasized how important the next few years are to sustaining longer-term transformation - that any achievements in this first year won't be as meaningful if they're not scaled across government.

Treasury Yields Rise as U.S. Stock Futures Edge Up: Markets Wrap
Eddie van der Walt, Bloomberg

Treasuries fell and U.S. stock index futures climbed on Tuesday as investor fears brought on by the inversion of a key part of the yield curve showed signs of ebbing. The dollar edged higher and European shares gained.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Apple's Antitrust Risk: Spotify Puts Focus on Conduct
Aaron Tilley and Ashley Gold, The Information

Earlier this month, Spotify complained to European competition authorities about Apple's treatment of the music service. The complaint is part of a longer trail of grievances in the tech industry over Apple's conduct.

New U.S. Attorney Eyes Tougher Enforcement in Silicon Valley
Matt Drange, The Information

The message to a roomful of corporate attorneys representing a who's who of tech companies was clear: The once-sleepy U.S. Attorney's office in San Francisco has awoken.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

FCC claims on broadband access under scrutiny
Harper Neidig, The Hill

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is being scrutinized over its claims that its deregulatory agenda has led to record gains in the private sector's efforts to expand access to high-speed internet in rural and underserved communities.

Huawei turns to US group in public relations battle
Kiran Stacey, Financial Times

Huawei recently hired a top Washington public relations group to help it make its case in the US following months of media and political scrutiny for the Chinese company.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Lyft Moves San Francisco IPO Roadshow as Drivers Protest
Olivia Zaleski and Eric Newcomer, Bloomberg

Disgruntled drivers showed up at the Omni hotel in San Francisco hoping to make their feelings known to the executives, bankers and potential investors at Lyft Inc.'s IPO roadshow meeting. No one was there.

Apple News won't let advertisers track users or monitor what they read
Rob Price, Business Insider

Apple has finally announced its long-awaited subscription news service, Apple News Plus- and it's putting an emphasis on privacy. On Monday, the Cupertino tech giant held a press conference to announce a slew of new products and updates as it attempts to diversify its offerings beyond the iPhone.

Facebook removes accounts from Russia, Iran for 'coordinated inauthentic behavior'
Kanishka Singh and Bhanu Pratap, Reuters

Facebook Inc said on Tuesday it has removed more accounts from Iran, Russia, Macedonia and Kosovo, citing what it described as "coordinated inauthentic behavior." A total of 2,632 pages, groups, and accounts were removed from Facebook and Instagram for operations linked to the above mentioned countries, the social media platform said.

Tinder co-founder asks court to dismiss $250 million lawsuit from Tinder's owner
Ashley Carman, The Verge

Tinder co-founder and former CEO Sean Rad has asked the New York Supreme Court to dismiss a $250 million lawsuit against him by Match Group and IAC, the owners of Tinder. Match claims that Rad copied internal files and proprietary information before he left the company, violating his employment contract.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Hackers Hijacked ASUS Software Updates to Install Backdoors on Thousands of Computers
Kim Zetter, Motherboard

The Taiwan-based tech giant ASUS is believed to have pushed the malware to hundreds of thousands of customers through its trusted automatic software update tool after attackers compromised the company's server and used it to push the malware to machines.

Insurers Creating a Consumer Ratings Service for Cybersecurity Industry
Leslie Scism, The Wall Street Journal

Some of the world's biggest insurers plan to work together on an assessment of the best cybersecurity defenses available to businesses, an unusual collaboration that highlights the rising dangers posed by digital hackers.

Democrats gear up for potential 2020 cyberthreats with help from Silicon Valley and security firms
Brian Schwartz, CNBC

Silicon Valley insiders will likely play a bigger role than ever in ensuring the security of presidential campaigns in 2020, joining established D.C. consulting firms and other bipartisan groups trying to lock down campaign communications and neutralize misinformation.

Hacking Lawyers or Journalists Is Totally Fine, Says Notorious Cyberweapons Firm
Patrick Howell O'Neill, Gizmodo

The founder and CEO of NSO Group, the notorious Israeli hacking company with customers around the world, appeared on CBS's 60 Minutes Sunday night to defend the use of his company's tools in hacking and spying on lawyers, journalists, and minors when the company's customers determine the ends justify the means.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Silicon Valley and the US defence department must work together
Elisabeth Braw, Financial Times

This week Joseph Dunford plans to meet Silicon Valley leaders, and it's not a courtesy call. The chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff is deeply concerned about the reluctance of American technology companies to work with the military.

Decentralized identity standards can solve Facebook's problem
Kaliya Young, The Hill

Facebook "owns" two billion people's digital identities. Facebook is plagued with problems and announced it had been keeping millions of user passwords in plain, readable text on an internal server that employees had access to.

Research Reports

Promoting European Growth, Productivity, and Competitiveness by Taking Advantage of the Next Digital Technology Wave
Robert D. Atkinson and Stephen Ezell, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

The EU has an opportunity to make major strides in the next wave of digital transformation. But it will need to adopt a forward-looking policy perspective that focuses on the benefits of connectivity, automation, and smart systems for Europe's economy and society.

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